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THE Berkeley Gazette

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Of a Merchant who Does Not Get any Business Because He Refuses to Advertise. Very Foolish. Well Rather.

TOWN OFFICIAL PAPER

BERKELEY, CAL., TUESDAY JUNE 23, 1896

NUMBER 200

OUR TOWN FATHERS

The Columbia Hose Co Complimented.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY ASK A FAVOR

They want to Discontinue Their Plant in Berkeley and get Light from Oakland.

Board of Trustees

President Richards called the members of the Board to order and all answered to their names as the roll was called. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Special Committee appointed to report upon the Exit Ordinance asked for further time and it was granted.

The Finance Committee reported favorably upon the following bills, and warrants were ordered to be drawn for the same:

GENERAL FUND	
A. Carlisle & Co.	\$30.00
Sunset Telephone Co.	30
F. W. James	26 50
D. H. Bruns & Co.	75
Bowers Rubber Co.	34 06
John Squires	6 79
Brothers Bros.	4 50
H. J. Hughes	18 00

The Street Committee reported as follows:

Gentlemen: We recommend that the following petitions be granted:

First—To establish the grade on Haste street. Adopted.

Second—To lay a sidewalk on Grant street between University Avenue and Addison street. Adopted.

Third—To grant D. Lambert permission to grade, curb and macadamize Alcatraz Avenue between Adel street and East line of Berkeley.

Fourth—To lay a four-foot wood walk on McGee Avenue between Bristol and Delaware streets. Adopted.

In regard to the report of Superintendent of Streets referred to us at the last meeting of the Board, we endorse the following as suggested by him:

First—The matter of requiring parties who lay cement walks by private parties to give bonds for a guarantee of good work, the Board refused to adopt.

Second—The extension of Delaware street sewer into the bay seventy-five feet. Adopted.

Third—The covering of main sewer on Virginia street. Adopted.

Fourth—The matter of ordering cement walks on all streets where property holders have failed to lay the same during the time given by the Board.

Adopted.

The flush tank mentioned by the Superintendent of Streets, in his report we think can be dispensed with, on Delaware street but should be done on Bristol street between Sixth street and the bay, which we recommend.

Adopted.

The petition reported for macadamizing Fremont street was reported on favorably and adopted.

We recommend that the Rose street sewer recommended by this committee, at the last meeting be changed to read as follows: to wit:

"From Rose street to Grove street southerly on Grove to the north line main sewer."

This is a much shorter line and the cost through the hill at Vine street on this line, though somewhat deeper than the cut on Rose street is much shorter.

The License Committee reported as follows:

The application of Frank Jackson for a license is informal and it is returned to him for correction. Adopted.

The Committee on Electric lights report as follows:

That the President of the Berkeley Electric Lighting Company has made application asking for the consent of the Board of Trustees in granting them the privilege of obtaining electric current from a generator located outside of the Town of Berkeley, but that they would retain and operate as much of the town plant as they have heretofore, namely, the poles and wire, Mr. Britton informed us that by making the change he would be able to effect a saving to his company owing to the fact that the plant where this current will be furnished from, has far more

economical machinery than now in use at Berkeley station.

As the granting of this privilege is of advantage to them, we believe that the Town should also share them. In so far as we can see no injury will result to the Town as far as the satisfactory operation of the lights are concerned, and we will therefore make the following recommendation, that the Berkeley Electric Lighting Company be granted the privilege above mentioned provided that they will reduce the prices charged for the price per light per month to be nine (\$9) dollars and from July 1, 1896, until the expiration of the contract price per light per month is \$8.50.

The Committee has instructed the Town Attorney to prepare a resolution authorizing issuance of a supplemental contract which will be submitted for your consideration.

JNO. MARTIN, C. HOFF, Committee.

President Richards here stated that he gave him great pleasure to commend the fire companies and especially the boys of Columbia Fire Company at the work performed during the fire which occurred on Saturday night. They have covered themselves with glory and should have the proper credit. As at times they may have been censured I believe that they also should have credit whenever it is due. I would like to have Mr. Striker tell the Board about it as he was present on the occasion of the burning of the Acheson Hotel.

John Striker said he could add but little to the remarks of the President. They had done nobly and showed to the people of Berkeley, that they could always be relied upon in cases of emergency as occurred on Saturday night. Mr. Striker then called upon Superintendent of Streets Chick, who said he fully endorsed the above remarks and felt proud that he could boast that Berkeley had a fire department that could be discounted by none on the coast. That with their life in hand they met their natural foe with all the courage and judgment which existed in man.

Trustee Martin called attention to the fact, as stated in the newspapers, that a hook and ladder company was a case of necessity at East Berkeley.

President Richards said that double hydrants should be put in place of the single ones.

Trustee Durrell said that the committee was fully aware that a great many things were wanted and needed, but the committee had no funds to procure all that was called for.

The question then came up of having two men at each of the engine houses on the 4th of July, for the better protection of the town from fire on that day.

The result of the discussion was that the Superintendent of Streets was authorized to employ two men for each of the engine houses on that day and night at \$3 per day.

The matter of having a chief for the Fire Department bobbed up serenely, and Trustee Martin thought that as under an old ordinance the term of office now held by Joseph McClain was about to expire, it would be well to elect a chief. The final understanding was that the different companies should nominate some one.

President Richards called up the opening of bids. Bids for macadamizing and guttering on Shattuck Avenue, a sewer in Oregon street and Telegraph Avenue, and grading and curbing Prince street were opened and awarded as follows after having been referred to Town Engineer Huggins for computation:

Macadamizing and guttering on Shattuck Avenue and grading and curbing on Prince street to D. Lambert.

Constructing a sewer on Oregon street and Telegraph Avenue to J. Corbett.

The printing of the reports of the town officials was then considered. The bid of the Advocate was accepted as being the lowest, and upon motion of Trustee Gage, 3000 copies were ordered to be printed in newspaper form.

The hearing of a protest against a sewer in Fourth street was discussed somewhat, and then laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The time set for hearing the Woolsey street opening case having arrived, the protest of Margaret Thorn was read. It was finally decided to overrule the protest but to recommend the commissioners to pay an additional \$2 for the destruction of trees, plants, etc. on Margaret Thorn's property as additional damages.

The bond ordinance in relation to requiring special officers to furnish bonds came up and brought out a considerable discussion. The ordinance was defeated in the end by four negative votes, Gage, Durrell and Hoff voting aye.

An ordinance which was started some time ago, appointing Dr. H. N. Rowell Food Inspector met some resistance from Trustee Durrell. He said that it looked as if the office was created to give that officer more salary. Trustee Martin thought that as the Town had saved considerable money, it could afford to pay this additional salary which was honestly earned. The result of the vote was five ayes, and two noes. Trustees Durrell and Hoff.

Trustee Durrell explained that he was not opposed to Dr. Rowell but objected only on the grounds of economy.

Chas. A. Bailey sent in a communication against the grading and macadamizing of Prince street but as it was too late for a portion of the work it was not read.

Mr. A. Carlisle presented a written protest against a barbed iron wire fence which had been erected on the easterly portion of Vine street. It had been the cause of depreciation of personal property and was dangerous. It was referred to the Superintendent of Streets to report upon at the next meeting of the Board.

A communication was received from Mr. George Stutz in relation to grading on the Wheeler property on Cedar street, North Berkeley. This matter was still kept in the hands of the Superintendent of Streets where it had been referred, to take care of.

The petition of Charles Heath for a boot-black stand was granted subject to the decision of the Superintendent of Streets as to the amount of space on the sidewalk to be occupied.

Irving R. Whitney's application to be appointed a special officer, without pay, to preserve order at Bath Beach was granted.

Health Officer Rowell submitted his report in relation to the water of the Alameda Water Company.

The following resolutions were passed: rescinding the opening proceedings of Sixth street; establishing sewer grades on Bristol and Cedar streets; authorizing printing contract with the Berkeley Gazette Publishing Company to be entered into; a supplementary contract with the Berkeley Electric Lighting Company and establishing a sewer grade on Grove street.

Trustee Martin's motion to have the supplemental contract with the Berkeley Electric Lighting Company spread an the minutes in full was passed.

The town engineer was empowered to have searches made of all the property on Sixth street for the purpose of proceeding to open it its full length.

The names of the bondsmen for the printing contract submitted by the GAZETTE Publishing Company were approved.

Action upon the speed ordinance was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Grades on the Hillgass tract were approved.

Resolutions of intention and Resolutions ordering street work to appear in the columns of the GAZETTE were passed.

A resolution confirming the report on Woolsey street was adopted.

All other business being disposed of the liquor ordinance was taken up.

Trustee Durrell insisted upon having the document read over to be passed upon section by section. It appeared after awhile that he could get no second to his motions for amendment, although several of the Trustees said they were in favor of them. Their idea was to pass the ordinance this evening, so as to get it into operation on the commencement of the next quarter in July, and then make such amendments as the Board might think necessary when the Board met again.

Trustee Durrell finally withdrew his request to have the document read by sections on account of the opposition.

Upon motion of Trustee Martin the ordinance was passed, Trustee Durrell alone voting no. Trustee Martin then made a motion to have the Town Attorney have the amendments of Trustee Durrell prepared to be acted upon at the next meeting. On motion, adjourned.

NOTICE.

To whom it may concern, My wife having left my bed and board I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

DAVID ELDRIDGE, West Berkeley June 19, 1896.

The horse cars that leave Berkeley on the hour connect with

BATH BEACH COACH.

Je 15 tf

Schmitt & Zehner are in the Shattuck block.

HE IS PLEASED.

A Subscriber Glad that a Republican Club is to be Formed.

Pleased at the Call.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—I am pleased to learn through your paper that a call has been issued for Republicans to gather together and to take council of each other concerning the great work which must be done during the coming Presidential campaign. The call for a public meeting serves to clear the local political situation of the doubt and confusion, not to say consternation, which was created by a number of gentlemen very recently. They met, it is said, in secret several weeks ago and decided to make a call among their friends for a Republican meeting. They were very faithful in attendance and elected themselves to office and then announced that they are the Republican party; by what authority, no man can tell. When they issued a call for a public meeting. The meeting was held but the people did not respond. And so, I am glad that an opportunity is offered every Republican in Berkeley to attend a public meeting, to take part in its business, to elect its officers, and to preserve the integrity of the Republican party in Berkeley. It is possible that we may learn at the meeting why this private Republican club was called into existence notwithstanding the fact that it has been a time honored custom for the member who represents our interests on the County Central Committee to call the meeting and to preside over its preliminary deliberations. GRIZZLY PEAK.

Real Estate Transfer

John M. and Catherine C. Farrell to William C. Bissell, lot 3, block A, Suburban tract.

Getting Livelier Than Ever

There is no cessation in the interest that is being taken in the telephone and telegraph girls' contest for a two weeks' visit to the Highland springs in Lake County. Subscribers are being visited every day by friends of the contestants who desire to obtain their coupons for their favorites and they are bringing them in by the hundreds. Each day sees the list growing larger and also the votes climbing up to the thousands. Miss Brackett seems determined to keep her lead in the telephone contest and she added a number of votes to her list. The others are coming up rapidly, and it behooves the leader to keep getting votes, and plenty of them, if she wants to keep the lead.

The vote to-day is as follows:

Lella C. Brackett, Berkeley	320
Miss Freda London, Berkeley	87
Miss L. O. O'Neil, Berkeley	67
Miss R. P. Fleming, Oakland	50
Miss Constance Gailand, Berkeley	40
Miss Nanette Rothblum, Alameda	30
Miss Priscilla Bryan, Oakland	20
Miss Grace Terry, Oakland	10
Miss May Broderick, Alameda	10

TELEGRAPH GIRLS.

Miss E. T. Gibson, Berkeley	70
Miss A. J. Gibby, Alameda	50

Lorin

Robert Alwyn returned from the camp at Mayberg on account of sickness caused by change of water.

The Salinger Baseball Team will play the Crescent City Club on Saturday at 2 o'clock on the Campus.

A gospel tent has been erected by the Salvation Army on Grove street. Meetings will be held every evening.

Julie Dosate and Roy Stapleton returned yesterday from a short visit to Desmond Shaw and Frank Stapleton at Mayberg.

The Oakland.

So successful has been the engagement of the Nobles Company at this theatre that the local management has prevailed upon Mr. Nobles to remain another week and present his world-famous "Phoenix." This Mr. Nobles has consented to do and this week will see a splendid performance of this historical and most popular of all American sensational comedies.

Particular pains will be taken to present the great fire scene with exactness as to every detail as it is the most realistic of all stage fire scenes.

The Merrill Mill and Ore Crushing Manufacturing Company, have leased a couple of the large buildings around by the Judson works, and in a few days they will be ready for business.

The cycle run announced for Thursday evening, will not take place as the track could not be secured for the race.

WAS BOUND TO DIE

A California Pioneer Shoots Himself.

THE POCKETS OF HIS OVERCOAT LOADED WITH SHOT.

To aid in Sinking His Body, as He Fell from the Oakland Ferry Boat.

He Shoots Himself.

William M. Towle, a Downville miner, committed suicide on the ferry Piedmont yesterday by first shooting himself through the head and then trying to throw himself into the bay. He did not succeed in the latter, but he died from the bullet wound in the Oakland Hospital a few hours later.

The boat was making the 11:30 a. m. trip from San Francisco. It was a high trip and the boat's hands and a number of the passengers soon noticed the man from his nervous actions. He was an old man, and had all the indications of the countryman—"store" clothes, boots and a faded overcoat. Attention was first attracted when he began to walk nervously around the boat as soon as it pulled out of the San Francisco slip.

After the old man had made a complete survey of the boat and decided on which point would be the most advantageous for his death he stepped to the rear. He had evidently decided that he would shoot himself and allow his body to fall into the bay and be lost in the current.

He stepped quickly over the chain that crosses the rear of the boat. Then he paused a moment to find his pistol, and that moment of pause prevented the complete consummation of his plans. His stepping over the chain attracted the attention of Joseph Mait of Oakland, who rushed toward him.

Towle quickly drew an old-fashioned single-barreled pistol from his pocket. It had but one chamber and carried a cartridge of 22 calibre. He placed the barrel against his head and pulled the trigger. The pistol missed fire and Mr. Mait shouted in his anxiety to stop the completion of the act. But before Mait could reach the old man the pistol had been placed once more against his head and the second time it went off.

Towle reeled for a moment, and there was life enough left for him, wounded unto death as he was, to attempt to throw himself overboard. But the paralysis that followed the shot made it impossible for him to control his muscles and, while he lurched toward the water, he fell on the deck of the boat and Mr. Mait dragged him to a place of safety.

When the boat reached Oakland, he was placed in the baggage-car of the local train and conveyed to Broadway where he was transferred to the patrol wagon and taken to the Receiving Hospital. He lived until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The man was determined that he would die, for twenty-five pounds of shot were found in the pockets of the overcoat. In addition he was determined that he should not be known for every possible means of identification was removed from his pockets. The body was recognized last evening at the Oakland Morgue by J. H. Hickox, an old friend.

Mr. Towle was one of the pioneers, said Mr. Hickox. "He came here in 1852 from Bangor, Me., where he belonged to one of the finest families in the State. He went to Downville almost immediately upon his arrival here and tried mining. Mr. Towle had been mining all his life in California, and while he had always been successful he had never found any bonanzas. He was sixty-nine years of age and had been suffering with jaundice. He tried different doctors and different remedies without success, and at last ended his life. I was with him Saturday last and he told me that he was going to take his life. I tried to talk him out of it, and thought I had succeeded. He had determined that his body was to go to the bottom of the bay and stay there."

Mr. Towle has a wife in Bangor, Me., and a daughter in Pueblo, Colo. His father, who is over ninety years of age, lives in Santa Clara.

Schmitt & Zehner the leading hardware merchants of Berkeley, in the Shattuck block.

BUSINESS MEN

Appreciate the Manner in which the Gazette Advertises their Business.

Must Win The Prizes.

The boys and girls are making things hum in their contest for patronizing GAZETTE advertisers, and the fever is catching and more contestants are entering the list and we hope there will be dozens of them in the contest where there is one now.

Advertisers inform us that they are positive that their advertisements in the GAZETTE are doing them good because men, women and children whom they have never seen before, are constantly dropping into their stores and making purchases, after which they present the GAZETTE coupons for signatures.

One Oakland house, who is advertising for the first time in the GAZETTE, writes us that he wants his advertisement enlarged next week as he had eleven Berkeley people in his store on Saturday last who made purchases and presented their coupons for his signature. "I shall keep track of all who present GAZETTE coupons from now until the first of the month and will inform you of the total number. I am convinced that the Berkeley GAZETTE is a first-class advertising medium, and one that will pay all business to have an advertisement in."

Readers of the GAZETTE are earnestly requested to clip the coupons out of the GAZETTE and present them to our advertisers whenever they make a purchase, for you will not only get goods at the lowest prices, but you will assist your favorite paper.

The vote to-day is as follows:

W. M. Mait	20
Meany Luntz	20
Miss Luntz	20
Carrie Wainwright	20
Miss Wainwright	20
Miss Wainwright	20
Miss Wainwright	20
Miss Wainwright	20
Miss Wainwright	20
Miss Wainwright	20

BOLD, BAD ROBBERS

Stole the Horse, Harness and Wagon Belonging to Quong Lee.

A Bold Robbery.

Sometime between 10 o'clock last night and four o'clock this morning, some thief or thieves, entered the stable of Quong Lee on University Avenue near Fourth street West Berkeley and stole his horse, harness, and wagon. As soon as the loss was discovered the Chinaman informed Marshal Loyd, but up to the hour of going to press no clue had been found to tell who the thieves were or what they had done with the property. The wagon was an ordinary spring wagon covered with a black top, and had the wagon license number 79 on the end of the seat.

The horse was a bay mare slightly lame in the left fore-leg.

Quong Lee offers a reward of five dollars for the return of the outfit or for information that will lead to its recovery.

Judge R. C. Carpenter, ex State Senator from Los Angeles county, and one of the best Republican orators in the State, has been secured by the County Central Committee to address the meeting of the Berkeley Republican Club at four o'clock on Saturday evening. All Republicans should attend as they will enjoy a treat in listening to Republicanism as explained by Judge Carpenter.

At a meeting of Directors of the Crescent Athletic Club held last evening it was decided to move from their present quarters in order to reduce expenses. A committee was appointed and will meet this evening to settle up on rooms for future use.

P. S. Woolsey has gone to Buffalo to attend the Teachers' Convention to be held in that city.

J. R. Little has returned from his ranch at Mt. Olivet.

Mrs. J. B. Woolsey has returned from Gilroy, where she has been visiting.

Miss Ellerhorst has gone to Valley Springs.

Miss Barrows has gone to Dos Pass.

Jacob Schrieber has gone to Merced on business.

Don't forget that the best of cigars are always kept by our old friend, Samuel Fisher, University Avenue, near Fifth street, West Berkeley, June 23, 1896.

\$2 Reward.

For a pet cat that has strayed away from the Parlo House. Return to E. Gutterer, 177

WAS A DEATH TRAP.

A Three-Story Lodging House Collapses.

AND Buries A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ITS RUINS.

Caused by Carelessness of the Contractor Who Was Replacing the Foundation.

A Building Collapses.

Yesterday afternoon at about 4 o'clock, the large three-story lodging house known as the "Brighton," on Fifth street, opposite the Mint in San Francisco collapsed and buried fifteen or more people under the ruins. Two of this number were taken out dead, while the others are more or less seriously or fatally injured.

Men were at work in the basement excavating under the old wooden foundation so as to replace it with a brick foundation.

The usual supports had been removed and the house was upheld by trusses and on-top-of-which were Jack screws.

The men under the building heard something snap and saw the supports on the Mint Avenue side bulge inward.

The workmen knew what it meant and fled in haste. It is thought that all except two escaped alive, although there were others who did not move quickly enough, and were afterwards rescued, more or less injured from the wreck of the building.

In the restaurant on the ground floor, seven customers were at the table and the usual number of waiters, cooks and other employees besides the proprietor, were present. They felt the floor sway under them, saw one of the walls split wide open and they rushed for the door. When the excitement had cooled down the proprietor called the roll of his employees and customers. One waiter Charles Johnson did not respond, so they think his name will eventually be added to the list of those who died.

People on the street saw the building sag toward Mint Avenue, heard the boards and joists crack like pistol shots and then the structure went down with a mighty crash, timbers flew in all directions. A woman who was passing on Fifth street was struck by a falling window. The glass broke over her head and she found herself pinioned in a wooden frame. A man ran from the middle of the street and pulled the woman out of harms way.

From under the piles of timber issued the groans and screams of men and women and these sounds guided the rescuers to the places where the victims were pinioned under the debris.

The first body to be secured was that of Mrs. Ernestine Silverstein, 284 Stevenson street, and life was extinct, Jesse May, a laborer who resided at 221 Fifth street was also dead when his body was recovered.

The following persons who were badly injured were also taken from the wrecked building: Patrick McKeown, Richard Brading, H. Shepherd, then a clerk at the Chronicle, Mrs. Mary Ann, Miss Sarah A. Byrne, Mrs. Joseph Byrne, Mrs. J. L. Mahler, Miss Bessie Wilson, Miss Pearl Woodward. It is thought that there are still some bodies in the ruins some of the guests of the house are unaccounted for.

A most searching investigation will be made to see who was to blame for the accident, and punishment will be meted out accordingly.

Sanitary Inspector Report.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Town of Berkeley.

Gentlemen: I have had Mr. Murphy expose to my satisfaction the five side sewers that he put in on Stewart street, and have found everything satisfactory. Very respectfully,

F. B. THOMPSON, Sanitary Inspector.

Berkeley, June 23, 1896.

LOST.—On Sunday June 21, 1896, gold bracelet on University or Shattuck Avenue. Return to 1918 University Avenue for reward.

June 23—tf

Schmitt & Zehner are in the Shattuck block.

ABOUT WATER

Health Officer Rowell Submits His Report on the Town Water.

Health Officer's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the town of Berkeley.

Gentlemen:—Owing to complaints from consumers of the water furnished by the Alameda Water Company, I have completed an analysis of the water as coming from faucets in various homes, as well as from the Berryman reservoir.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Wellendorf, the Superintendent, I visited the source of the water supply and each receiver in turn, at the time taking samples therefrom.

The result shows the water to be reasonably pure. The vegetable matter which has been noticed as greenish mass like bodies, results from a dislodgement of vegetation growing in the clay bottom of the reservoir.

In such receptacles uncovered and without artificial bottom there is bound to take place, a certain fermentation which might be readily prevented by constructing a bottom of cement.

Covering as large a reservoir as the Berryman reservoir, while desirable, is scarcely necessary, especially if proper straining apparatus were constructed. With an artificial bottom each receiver could be supplied as often as desirable and then thoroughly cleaned.

In passing, it is only fair to state that much of the filth in water is occasioned by the use of roof tanks or barrels which serve as an intermediate reservoir, the cleaning of which is too often neglected.

Many families adopt the very wise plan of boiling and aerating all water for drinking purposes and if this measure is carried out it removes every doubt of its purity.

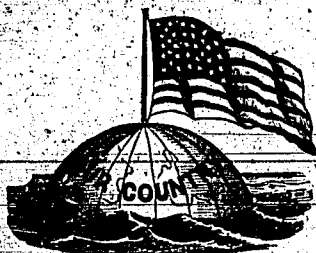
In conclusion I would state that the supply of water arises in tunnels several hundred feet in the

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\$10 Reward.

The above reward will be paid upon the arrest and conviction of any person stealing the GAZETTE from the doors or yards of subscribers.

A PROGRESSIVE MOVE.

About three months ago several prominent citizens and property owners of West Oakland formed an organization for the purpose of improving that section of Oakland.

During the time that they have been organized, they have not been idle and have accomplished a great deal. There is a portion of the water front from Lincoln to Thirteenth that has been a foul blot upon that end of town for years. This will now be a thing of the past, for the members of the improvement club have called upon the Southern Pacific Railway Company, the Pacific Improvement Company, the Oakland Sash and Door Company, and a Mr. Jackson, who are the owners of the property which it is intended to fill in, and have an agreement from all of them that they would make the necessary improvements, except Mr. Jackson, who claims that the land is mortgaged for more than its value and that he has not the means to pay for the improvement.

The amount that Mr. Jackson would have to pay as his pro rata is \$438. The members of the club rather than have the work blocked by Mr. Jackson's inability to pay his share, have raised the money by private subscription, and tomorrow the contract will be signed, and work will be commenced immediately so that in a short time that portion of West Oakland, which is now an eyesore to the people of Berkeley, who have to pass it every day on the trains to and from the mole, and which has been a breeding place for disease will be a thing of the past.

The Club having accomplished this much will now continue their good work and will not rest until they have succeeded in having the marsh filled in to Emeryville and Willow street extended out to a junction of what would be Sixth street from Berkeley.

Mr. O'Rourke and the other property owners from Shell Mound to the Berkeley Town line will cooperate with the West Oakland Improvement Club to have the street opened and macadamized to the Berkeley Town line. The Berkeley Board of Trustees have already commenced proceedings for the opening of Sixth street within the limits of Berkeley and will push it as rapidly as possible, as it is thought that there will be no obstacle thrown on the way of opening.

The Pacific Coast Jockey Club is now spending a large sum of money upon the Oakland Trotting Park and that place is destined to be one of the greatest tracks in the United States, and it will be visited daily by thousands of people, which means business and an enhanced value of property all along the proposed new thoroughfare. It will be one direct street to and from West Oakland to West Berkeley and will be seven miles in length.

In order to reach Emeryville, Golden Gate the Stockyards the race track and West Berkeley, it will be necessary that an electric railroad be run from one end of this street to the other, and a franchise will be asked for just as soon as the street is opened, and the road will be built as speedily as possible.

Just as soon as West Berkeley is connected with Oakland by an electric

railroad, just that soon will the West End of town begin to build up and improve. Land is being offered in West Berkeley at bed rock prices and on easy terms for its payment, and with rapid transportation at intervals of every ten or fifteen minutes, it would not be long before the large area of idle land that is now to be seen, would be dotted over with little houses of mechanics and laborers. This is all that is holding West Berkeley back at the present time, and if our citizens will only put their shoulders to the wheel and work up a little energy they will be just as successful as the people of West Oakland have been, and they have now a better opportunity as the West Oakland Improvement Club, and the property owners between Emeryville and the Berkeley town line are willing to assist in every way possible, and the Board of Trustees have already set the ball of prosperity moving by commencing proceedings for the opening of Sixth street.

The GAZETTE has constantly worked for the improvement of every section of Berkeley and it has never overlooked West Berkeley and it will endeavor in this latest matter of improvement to keep the citizens posted as to how things are moving along, and what progress is being made outside of the Berkeley limits. With a seven-mile street running right past the race track, more people would visit Berkeley in one week than now come here in three months. The West Berkeley Improvement Club and the West Oakland Improvement Club will understand hold a joint meeting at which all of the matters mentioned above will be discussed.

A RETROSPECT.

Some months ago a number of political sore-heads in Oakland decided that they would ignore the regular Republican party officials of the Congressional Committee and set up house-keeping for themselves so they called county primaries for the election of delegates to a county convention which would nominate delegates to the State Convention.

The primary election-day rolled around and some twenty precincts in the county refused to hold primaries and those that did were not represented by any of the well-known and leading Republicans of the county.

Those who voted were in nearly every instance members of the Populist and Democratic parties, and men who were bolters from the Republican party. These men elected themselves as delegates to the State Convention and by the assistance of San Francisco were seated in the State Convention. They then proceeded to select delegates to the New Orleans Convention, after which they elected themselves members of the County Central Committee and also of the Congressional Committee and announced that they were ready to run the Republican affairs of Alameda County.

Realizing that Berkeley casts a very large vote, these self-elected Committees saw that it was necessary to have an organization here, so a secret conclave was held with one or two sore heads of Berkeley, and a few men, some of whom were candidates for office a couple of years ago, and who not only acted as delegates to the non-partisan convention, then went before the People's Party and Prohibition Party Conventions and asked for an endorsement of their candidacy, and a private meeting was called and by-laws adopted and officers elected.

The announcement was then made in the public press that a Republican Club had been formed in Berkeley and all good Republicans were informed that on the next Monday evening a mass meeting would be held under the auspices of the club, and that they were cordially invited to attend and sign the roll.

When the evening came around the hall was lighted, and by 9 o'clock there were just thirty-two people in the hall, and a number of those were never before known as Republicans.

Good speakers had been advertised to speak and finally Hugh Aldrich who is a candidate for Township Justice on the Non Partisan ticket two years ago, and who then denounced the Republicans, was introduced as the speaker of the evening. The jokes were then out, for he it was known that Mr. Aldrich is the self-elected secretary of the crowd that went to Sacramento.

Since that meeting a number of the leading Republicans of Berkeley have issued a call to J. W. Striker member of the County Central Committee for Berkeley and Oakland Township asking him to call a meeting for the organization of a Republican Club at which all good Republicans may meet and organize under the banner of McKinley and Hobart. Mr. Striker in obedience to the request of so many good Republicans has called for a meeting to be held tomorrow night at Odd Fellows Hall for the purpose of organizing a Republican Club, and there is no doubt but what it will be very largely attended. An able speaker has been secured who will address the meeting, after which an organization will be effected.

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FAME—AN ALLEGORY.

A temple in the morning light
Rose up upon the mountain side
And shone its turret high
Against the vaulted sky.

The youth set forth with heart and soul
Full armed with faith to write his name
Among the dead and great
Who conquer adverse fate.

He sought his home with soul and will
And answered back with easy laugh
The warning and distrust
Of those whose hearts are dead.

The mountain roads are hard to climb
The solemn centuries of time
Have pressed the wrinkles deep
On every rolling steep.

Wild hither hither, in his path
He sought the hidden shrine
Of those whose hearts are dead
Who conquer adverse fate.

Then follow him, a pilgrim old
A miser hiding the sun's gold
His dark eyes gleam with stars
In celestial wars.

Still through the gloom the temple shed
Its radiance round the traveler's head
But in its path light
His hand was laid to rest.

By color wings his face is flamed
He longs to clasp some friendly hand
Or feel the welcome touch
Of lips that love him much.

At last the temple gates are won
He enters in, his journey done
Then sinks in blank despair
No living thing is there.

He cannot breathe the stifling air
The light, a phosphorescent glare
That round his path was shed
Falls only on the dead.

—Theodore P. Cook in New York Sun.

A GHOST IN THE CAB.

It was past midnight; the city streets
Were deserted, and it was time to go
Home to the quiet of the night
In his roomy cabriolet. He had watched
The electric light on the corner until
Its ring of rainbow needles seemed to
stab his eyes and the big shadows on the
street below it to shake with the cold.

"Not a fare this whole blighted night!"
he muttered, reaching down and pulling
the blanket from his horse.

As he did so he felt the carriage give
a great lurch on its springs. He turned
quickly; some one had flung himself in
to the seat behind him.

"What do you want?" said the cabby
roughly.

There was a pause, then a voice came
through the darkness, thick and nasty
as a gurgling of black oil:

"Drive to Judas Withers', and,
in the name of heaven, drive fast!"

Judas Withers has been dead and his
soul with the devil this many a year,"
answered the cabman, staring behind
him.

"The house still stands, but I have
lost my way. Go on, you fool!"

The figure reached over, and catching
the whip from its place gave the horse
a lash. The old horse started forward,
banging and rattling down the street
while the cursing cabman tried to clutch
at the reins, but a hand, chilly and
clinging as the belly of a snake, fastened
on his wrist, and the thick voice
came close to his ear:

"Now will you show me my way?"

The driver sank into his place again,
while the old horse rocked to a stop.

On they rushed, past closed stores and
lampless blocks of houses, now rippling
and wrenching across the car tracks and
now swinging along the deserted road,
and on, until the pavements had been
left behind and the frost looked back
from the rue like a million little green
eyes.

At last came the command, "Stop, I
see it now!" and the next instant the
cab was empty.

"My fare!" yelled the cabman, leap-
ing down.

There was no answer. He looked
about him. It was very dark where he
stood, but the waning moon, with its
gauged and crumpled edges, hung on a
line with the fir trees. Before him rose a
craggy blackness, the house of Judas
Withers, countless but for the old wife
who still clung like some pale lichen to
its moldering stones. Perhaps she, too,
was dead. The cabby did not know. He
did know, though, that Judas Withers
had been a miserly carcass, grudging the
very skin that hung his bones to-
gether.

The house stood back from the road
and was surrounded by a garden, now
lying gray and lonesome under the
moon. As the cabby pressed toward it he
saw the figure of a man come into the
moonshine. It sprang across the open
space in soft leaps like a great black
bubble, its every movement full of a
dreadful vitality. Then it was gone. As
the driver himself turned to go, he saw
a tiny red spark flash out from the
house before him, and one after the other
the windows on the lower floor
glowed red, as a crawling blotch of
sparks will eat across soot.

The man was there—the man who
owed him money—and all fear fled but
the fear of loss. The cabby tried his
horse and went creeping up the path
under cover of the hedge. When he
reached the house he asked himself
gently and looked in at one of the win-
dows. Before him lay an empty room.
On the floor, thrown from a window
opposite, was a great checkered flag of
moonlight—nothing more, nothing but
those blue squares in the darkness.

Suddenly the cabman ducked his
head, for he saw that a man had glided
into the room. He saw a candle held
above his head, and his pale face
was bloated and distorted as a corpse.

The cabman crouched low. A gust of
wind came from the open window, and
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